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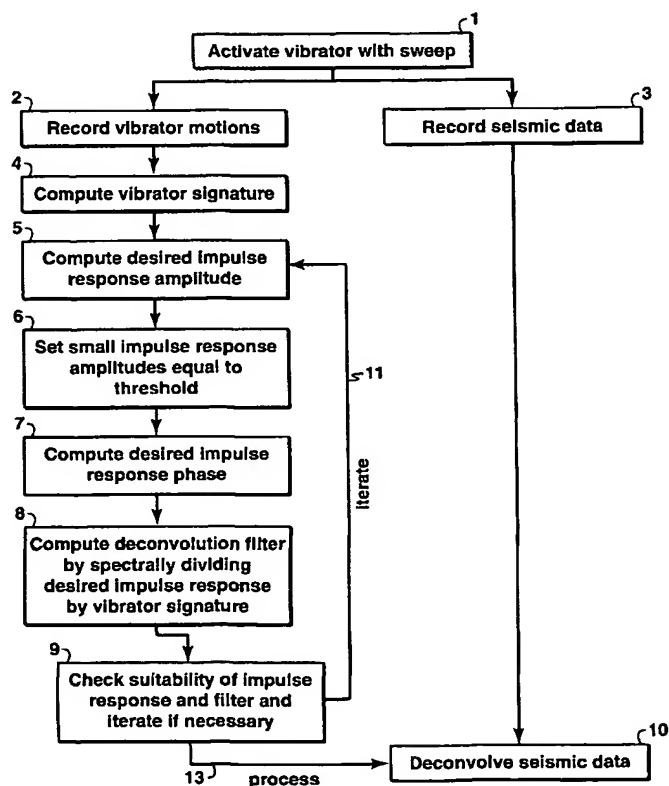
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is a method of processing seismic data in which one or more seismic vibrators are activated with one or more pilot signals and vibrator motions are recorded along with seismic data. Vibrator signatures (4) are computed from measured vibrator motions (2), such as the ground force signal. A desired impulse response (5) is specified from either a measured vibrator motion (2) or from test data or field data from a location near the location from which the seismic data was acquired. A deconvolution filter (8) is computed from the impulse response (5) and from the vibrator signatures (4) from multiple vibrators and sweeps (1). The deconvolution or deconvolution and separation filter (8) is used to process the seismic data. The vibrators are then moved to a new location, and the activation is repeated.

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